



PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No: 2408.3775US

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

I, Gregory N. Nordgren, declare: that I am a citizen of the United States of America; that my residence and post office address is 29670 Southwest Jackson Way, Wilsonville, Oregon 97070 USA; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled CATHETER WITH VALVED DISTAL TIP, for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 3, 2000, utilizing Express Mail Label No. EJ 439190037US; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

I hereby appoint as my attorneys and/or patent agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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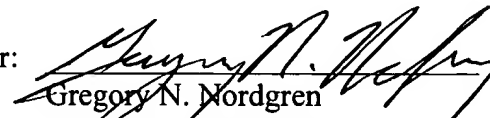
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Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the specification and claims identified above in this Declaration, Power of Attorney, and Petition.

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